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NEW LAWS FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVE & SECURITY LICENSES

Public Act 04-192 takes effect on October 1, 2004. This new legislation will cause all private detective and security companies and all security guards both armed and unarmed to register with the Department of Public Safety. The State Police Special Licensing and Firearms Units will maintain all registration for Security Guards and Private Detectives. This unit will expand their areas of responsibility to include the changes that have been enacted by Public Act 04-192.

The new law changes several areas of licensing and registration for all security guards and Private Detectives in Connecticut. The fee structure paid to register with the State of Connecticut has been changed. The category of licenses is more clearly defined to identify the type of security business a company is licensed to perform. Security Companies will no longer be issued a combination licenses.

Security or Detective Companies must apply for an individual 2 year license for each type of security business which they perform. Under this law all Security companies are required to provide the Department of Public Safety proof of security bond and of general liability insurance.

The law also requires private investigators and security guards to be registered. Private Detectives will be subjected to an application process as well as a State and Federal background inquiry. All Security Guards must now complete a certification course. The certification course must be a minimum of an 8 hours and the training program must includes basic first aid, search and seizure laws, use of force, basic criminal and public safety issues.

All armed security guards are required to now qualify with the weapon they will carry and use on duty. This qualification must take place on a yearly basis.

Proprietary Security Companies (i.e. hospital security), which in the past only had to register armed security guards will now be required to register all security guards.

To implment this law a 12 month window has been established. This will allow all current security guards 12 month to complete the required 8 hour training course and the obtaining of their registration card.

All questions regarding this law should be directed to 860- 685-8671

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